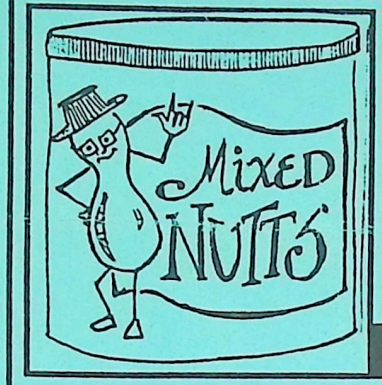

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MWAD Repeats as Men's Champion; Tucson Takes Women's Title

Hamilton's 36 Points Pace Reds

MWAD successfully defended its men's AAAD national basketball championship tonight, defeating Chicago.

The Reds were led by David Hamilton, who had 22 points in the first half and 36 for the game, with four three-point goals. Four other MWAD players scored in double figures. Chicago's five starters also had at least ten points each, with Michael Ashford netting 22 and Brenton Holliday 21.

Chicago raced out to a 10-1 lead, then Hamilton caught fire, hitting a three-pointer, a game-tying layup, and a slam dunk to put MWAD ahead. After two more free throws and a basket, Hamilton had his team ahead for keeps. Chicago threatened several times, but could not close the gap against the quicker MWAD team. Thus, the championship trophy stays in Washington for another year.

Tucson Beats MinnePaul, 87-66

Laura Edwards and Mary Fooks had 27 points each and Barb Hyde had 21 to pace Tucson to an 87-66 victory over MinnePaul in the Second Annual Women's AAAD National Basketball Tournament championship. Tucson was never seriously threatened, amassing a 45-32 lead at halftime and coasting the rest of the way.

Edwards was especially hot in the first half, sinking five field goals and two three-pointers. Edwards also contributed seven assists. Barb Hyde had 14 rebounds for Tucson, while counterpart Tracey Pena pulled down 13.

MinnePaul's Janel Birrenkott had 37 points for a three-game total of 97, surpassing JoDee Dike's record of 90 set last year in Atlantic City. Birrenkott scored ten of her team's first 13 points and 16 of the first 20 in the second half.

Newsome Becomes AAAD's All-Time Leading Scorer

56-Point Game Gives Hollywood Star 1052 for Career

Jimmy Newsome of the Hollywood Silent Recreation Club today rewrote AAAD history by breaking three scoring records and setting a fourth.

Newsome scored 56 points today to break Leon Grant's single-game record of 54 set in 1966. He also became the first player in AAAD history to score more than 50 points twice in one tournament.

With 137 points in three games, Newsome shattered his own 127-point record for most points in three games established in 1990.

Last but not least, Newsome broke the all-time AAAD scoring record. Playing in his 13th tournament and 36th game, Newsome now has 1052 total points. In today's third place game against Little Rock, Newsome tied Clyde Nutt's record of 1033 with seven minutes to play, and broke it with a driving layup with 6:22 to play.

The game was stopped twice, first when Newsome scored his 1000th point early in the game, and again after he broke the record. After Hollywood won, 101-87, Newsome was honored for his single-game record.

Newsome, 33, began his career with the Washington Diplomats in the Southeastern Athletic Association of the Deaf (SEAAD). He has been named to the AAAD All-Star first team nine times and second team twice, and has been tournament MVP four times, in 1979 with the Diplomats and in 1981, 1986, and 1990 with Hollywood.

Hollywood Speaks, 101-87

The Oscars are over, but Hollywood wasn't quite through with awards.

Jimmy Newsome scored 56 points en route to three AAAD records and led Hollywood to a 101-87 victory over host team Little Rock in the third place game this afternoon.

Newsome's day of immortality overshadowed a magnificent effort by Little Rock's Thurston Williams, who had 48 points. (One wonders if this was itself a record: two opposing players combining for 104 points.)

Little Rock led only twice in the game. Down 41-30 after 16 minutes of play, they scored 12 unanswered points and pulled ahead, 42-41, on a Williams trey. The teams traded baskets a minute later, giving Little Rock its second and last lead.

Hollywood went on a ten-point tear immediately after Newsome set his all-time scoring record, and Little Rock never again came closer than 12 points.

Contributed by Todd Traub,
Arkansas Democrat-Chronicle

Equal Opportunity Officiating

John Bradley, chair of the 50th Annual Men's AAAD National Basketball Tournament to be held in Akron, OH in 1994, noted that today's men's championship game had two deaf officials—James Beldon, Sr. as Umpire 1 and Roy Lopaty as Umpire 2. The referee, Jesse Gatewood, is black and signs fluently. This is another first in AAAD tournament history!

MWAD Women Romp, 70-43

MWAD, seeking redress after losing their chance at a second consecutive national championship, made Worcestershire sauce out of John Philip's charges in today's third place game. Winning 70-43. the Lady Reds' 44 points in the first half alone were enough to beat Worcester.

Connie Franks had 26 points to lead MWAD. All but one of her teammates made it into the scorebook in an unusually balanced attack.

Kelly Butterworth (14 points) and Jo-Ann O'Neill (10 points) were Worcester's top scorers. The Massachusetts team shot only 28% from the field, continuing a downward decline from their first two games.

Ballroom Tonight!

The Grand Ball and awards presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

Other Scores

Men's Tournament

Saturday

Sacramento 93, Boston 84

Friday

Sacramento 97, Lincoln 95
Boston 100, Dallas 85
MWAD 91, Little Rock 70
Chicago 103, Hollywood 87
Sacramento 118, Rochester 98

Women's Tournament

Saturday

Rochester 82, East Bay 63

Friday

East Bay 54, Lansing 22
MinnePaul 67, MWAD 64
Tucson 58, Worcester 42

Gorrell New AAAD VP

Howie Gorrell was elected AAAD Vice President of External Affairs in House of Delegates balloting this morning. Gorrell, a resident of Rehoboth Beach, DE, replaces retiring Dick Caswell on the AAAD Executive Board.

Dennis Platt was elected to a second term as Vice President for National Sports Organizations. Jack Levesque returns as Vice President for Member Services, and Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe retains the office of Treasurer.

In other action, the Executive Board approved the Game Preparation Committee's (GPC) selection of coaches for the 1993 World Games for the Deaf in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Caswell: 36 Years!

When 61-year old Dick Caswell relinquishes his AAAD vice presidency tonight, he will end 36 years of uninterrupted involvement with AAAD. Caswell played basketball for the District of Columbia Club of the Deaf for nine years beginning in 1956, served five years as an officer of SEAAD, and 23 years with AAAD.

According to John Miller, this record is perhaps unequalled in the history of deaf sports. Miller, tongue firmly in cheek, suggests that AAAD reward Caswell by buying him a wig to replace the many hairs lost through the years!

Attention NTID/RIT Alumni!

Please meet in the lobby outside the Grand Ballroom tonight at 9:00 p,m.!

Dave Staehle, administrator of the NTID Alumni Relations Office, will brief you on NTID's 25th Anniversary Alumni Reunion, scheduled for July 7-11, 1993, and other goings-on at NTID/RIT. See you there!